

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP NO. 1652

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Hanak et al.

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

This paper is being filed in response to the Final Rejection dated December 2, 2002 (Paper No. 21), following a Notice of Appeal filed May 2, 2003 (received May 6, 2003), and a personal interview conducted on September 16, 2003. A petition for a three-month extension of time, and the appropriate fee, accompany this response.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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